



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s):	Rabbani et al.	)	
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For:	<b>NON-NATIVE POLYMERASE ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT</b>	)	

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**(IN RESPONSE TO THE JULY 15, 2004 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on July 15, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. This response is accompanied by a Petition to Extend Time.